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METHODS FOR DETERMINING THE)
PRESENCE OF A NUCLEIC ACID)
ANALYTE IN A SAMPLE)



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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Notice to Comply mailed on January 16, 2004, kindly enter the following amendments to the specification and consider the following remarks in connection with the above-captioned application.